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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1890.

It relieves our troubled mind very greatly read to in home papers that Portugal has accepted in principle the arbitration on the Delagoa Bay Railway question proposed by England and the United States. This will no doubt restore confidence in this colony, as for some time past it has been an open secret that the Lusitanian ironclads *Tajo* and *Rio Lima* might at any moment receive telegraphic instructions from Lisbon to come over and take possession of Hongkong. And where would the noble army of brokers have been then? In Portugal they hang a share-broker without going through the form of a trial, and we are not sure that that is not the best plan. The

magnanimity displayed by the Portuguese Government, after robbing the British and American capitalists who have constructed the Delagoa Bay railway in the most barefaced manner recorded in modern times, is worthy of all praise, and we trust the Cabinets of Washington and London will duly appreciate the condescension of the Lisbon Ministry. It is really heart-rending to think what might have happened had his Most Catholic Majesty and his advisers gone on another tack, and boldly defied both Uncle Sam and John Bull. We certainly should not at the present moment be enjoying our *dolce far niente* amidst the cool sea-breezes of fair Macao. But joking apart, Portugal has an ocean of serious trouble to face in the near future, and unless she "gangs warily" there is more than a possibility of "ancient Lusitania" being summarily wiped out of the map of Europe. No one could possibly regret a contingency like this more than the writer, and no one has a higher opinion of the glorious past history, splendid achievements, and many admirable qualities of the Portuguese nation; but the Portuguese of to-day are not practical, they either cannot or will not recognise the only too palpable fact that they are a mere cypher, a nonentity in modern politics, and instead of conserving their strength and limiting their colonial enterprise to the actual power of the Central Government and the necessities of the country, they needs must engage in quarrels with Powers that cannot be gainsaid and about imaginary privileges which, at least so far as Portugal is concerned, are entirely chimerical and valueless. Nations cannot exist and prosper in these prosaic days on mere memories of the past; they must strive to utilise their opportunities in every possible way to create trade and establish a field for the products of the Mother Country. What has Portugal done in this direction during the last half century? Absolutely nothing. Look at her South African colonies, Mozambique, Timor, Goa—look even at our immediate neighbour Macao, once the great centre of European civilization and commerce in the Far East, and now a decayed city almost without trade, with a blocked-up harbour and tied down with a series of monopolies, gambling and otherwise, which kill free commerce and leave the colony with an empty treasury and enormous expenses. Fair Lusitania is in a bad way, and unless some great political cataclysm shortly takes place in Lisbon, bringing to the front some patriotic statesman who will thoroughly recognise the position and determine, at all hazards, to move along with the times, it is only too probable that Portugal will not only lose her colonies—which, as at present managed, are worse than useless—but may also sacrifice her autonomy. And this latter contingency the world at large would deeply regret.

TELEGRAMS.

THE METROPOLITAN POLICE STRIKE.

LONDON, July 17th.
The London police have issued a notice warning shopkeepers and others to close early to-day and to make their own arrangements to guard their premises, as the Force go on strike to-night for certain.

Many constables were suspended yesterday for refusing duty.

8th July.

The strike was a failure.

[The following manifesto, circulated among the Police, sets forth their grievances:—"To the whole of the Metropolitan Police—Comrades—As we stand to-day we complain, and justly, of the way in which we are treated. We have sent in a petition, and although it has met with the favourable opinion of the Chief Commissioner, it has not with the other officials to whom we trusted it would, as you by this time know. We stand no chance of our petition or our demands, that we, acting on your behalf, made, being conceded, and so we are obliged to take very serious steps, so serious that we at the eleventh hour hesitate to do so; but it is the only way in which we can repel the difficulties and dangers that to-day surround us, and do away with the evils that we complain of. We cannot, as we said before, obtain better pay and the many things that we want to better our condition, unless we are determined, and peaceful means having failed, we, as your committee, ask you not to resume duty on June 20th, but to leave your uniform at the Station-house, and 'come out.' We honestly appeal to all of you to do this. If not you will never obtain what you want. We are of the opinion that a man on entering the Force should receive 27s. per week for 54 hours' work, or eight hours per day, the eight hours to be worked right off, and that, on rising to the second-class, a constable should receive 30s. per week, and all first-class men 33s. per week. Promotion—That two years should be the limit for a man to be in the third-class, and so on, rising in six years to a first-class policeman; that extra work should be paid for; that after 20 years' good service in the Force a man should be released without any restrictions, and paid a pension according to what grade he is in; that constables be allowed one Sunday off in every month; and that better conditions be made at the Station for all single men. This is what we want, and what we will have, if you but stand together on June 20th."

SOLDIERS ON STRIKE.

The second battalion of the Grenadier Guards refused to answer the bugle call for kit inspection, and locked themselves in their rooms. On the inspection being abandoned, the men fell in and hoisted and hissed the remarks of the Colonel.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

The Joint Conference has adopted a substitute Silver Bill, which provides for the monthly purchase of four and a half million ounces, and no bullion redemption, certificates to be full legal tender redeemable in coin.

THE WEATHER.

Dr. Doberck issued the following notice yesterday afternoon:—"Typhoon east of Formosa, which appears to be moving northwards. In to-day's report he says that the centre has entered the mainland near Foochow. A telegram from Manila, forwarded by the Spanish Consul, states that the typhoon had recurred towards the east."

BAD WEATHER IN THE NORTH.

The German steamship *Deutscher*, Captain Dinse, which arrived here this morning from Japan with a cargo of coals, encountered a typhoon on Sunday the 14th inst. in Latitude 27.50 N. Longitude 122.40 E. The sea was very high, and the wind blew with terrific force for nearly twelve hours. During the storm the vessel lost all her boats, and all her deck gear was more or less damaged. When the storm was subsiding, and attempts were being made to clear away the debris, the chief mate, named Burmeister, and a European sailor were washed from the bridge, but fortunately the next wave washed them back, and they clung to the rails. After the storm had passed one of the Malay sailors was missed, having been washed overboard and drowned. The cargo was shifted to such an extent that the vessel has a list of about 18 or 20 degrees.

A telegram was received by the China Merchants S. N. Co., yesterday, stating that the *Kwangle*, which left here on Friday, had encountered a typhoon off Wenchow on Monday, and had had all her deck-houses and boats smashed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are requested to intimate that there will be Service at the Peak Church at 5 p.m. next Sunday.

HALY the Jews in Europe reside in Russia—and a jolly high time they have of it in that most civilised country.

VIVE la France! "Well-informed circles" in St. Petersburg declare that no entanglement exists between France and Germany.

The members of the "Devil's Own" are a strong power in the United States Congress. Out of the 412 members no fewer than 288 are lawyers.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) that the steamer *Arratoon* *Apar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore to-day for this port.

"CAN it be only six o'clock?" said John, opening his watch. "There goes the factory whistle." "That's not the whistle, dear," put in Mrs. John. "It is the new clock singing in the kitchen."

The English Presbyterian Church has now in China twenty ordained European missionaries, ten medical and sixteen lady missionaries, the number of communicants in connection with the church being 3,572.—*Cut bene?*

ALL men are equal at their birth. Heirs of the earth and skies; But since we gauded his Compny's worth Stanley don't advertise. (More power to his elbow.)

The Catholic Synod, sitting at Kilkenny, has adopted a decree forbidding the use of intoxicating liquors at wakes or funerals. No priest shall ask prayers for the departed where this command has been violated. Another insult to the down-trodden Irish peasantry. They will have to abolish the priests.

COMPLAINTS both loud and deep reach us daily regarding the shortcomings of the Public Works Department, and, generally speaking, most of these complaints would appear to be justified. The Government will have to do something to remedy this very soon, or serious trouble will have to be faced at no far distant date.

PRETTY teacher (intent on the lesson)—And vast swarms of flies descended on the land and came into the houses of the Egyptians and covered their clothing and their tables and all their food, but (impressively) there were no flies on the children of Israel. Small Boy—Please, ma'am, there ain't now, either. [Hongkong share-brokers please note.]

We note that Von der Mehden, who used to "toodle on the cornet" in Charlin's Circus when that mammoth aggregation visited Hongkong, was lately performing with the Faust Family at the Theatre Royal, Brisbane. The Faust Family were also a part of Charlin's great show in this colony, and included amongst other stars the beautiful and accomplished "Zozo."

The Paris Tribunal, in the course of a recent gambling suit, announced the doctrine that "the law grants no action for the payment of a bet when it is not made on a game in which skill is required." Can anybody tell us the name of any game in which skill, more or less, is not required? We don't think much of French law, nor of English either, as far as betting is concerned.

The Kobe Herald of the 3rd instant says:—"Mr. Sim, we understand, this morning added another to the number of lives which he can take in the credit of having saved. A visitor was bathing opposite the boat-house when he was seized with cramp. Mr. Sim, who was also bathing, went to his assistance, and although he had sunk, succeeded in rescuing him and getting him to the bathing stage."

The Highland Land Court has reduced rents on the Duke of Portland's estates in Caithness on an average of 20 per cent. About 60 per cent of the arrears were cancelled.

PRINCE CHARLES of Sweden and Norway was recently summoned to a court in Stockholm to serve as a jurymen in a criminal case. But the Judge decided that on account of family connections he was ineligible.

In reply to "House-wife" we regret that we have no plans and specifications in stock as to the most economical manufacture of pickled onions, but doubtless either the Dock Company or the Hongkong Hotel will be glad to do the needful.

The annual report that King George of Greece is about to abdicate is again on its travels. It is high time he did abdicate, or drowned himself, or retired into a nunnery, or did something to get outside public recognition. A bigger ass never wore a crown.

OUR Texas *Stiffles* friend says that an unthinking partisan is like a sightless monkey, who blindly follows an organ. He must have been thinking about the signatories of the notorious protest re the lease of Bowrington Gardens to the Hongkong Athletic Club.

STRATEGY in the Supreme Court.—"Time will prove my client innocent!" cried Squillig, Q.C. "Your argument carries some weight with it," facetiously observed the Court, who had just returned from a big tiffin at the Club. And Squillig laughed so heartily that he won his case.

THE thickest octavo volume in the world known is the latest addition of Whitaker's "Reference Catalogue of English Literature." The book weighs twelve pounds and is eleven inches in thickness, which is the exact weight and thickness of the skull of the *China Mail's* very own "Brownie."

CLEMENTINE DE VERRE, a soprano, has just engaged for the choir of the Rev. Dr. Paxton's Church, New York, at over £1,000 a year, the largest salary, says the *American Musician*, ever given to a choir singer in this or any other country. They evidently don't praise their god on the cheap in that joss house.

THE Stanley Operatic, etc., etc. crowd once played "Hamlet" with Harry Pyne as the melancholy Dane. "What's the matter?" asked the stage manager, who noticed that something was going wrong during the grave-digging scene. "It's the first grave-digger," whispered Horatio. "He says that unless the manager sends him back the price of a square meal right away, he's going to eat the loaf of bread they're using for Yorick's skull."

We observe that Mr. John Want, Q.C., M.L.D., who was in Hongkong last summer, has received a general retainer from the New South Wales Government. Mr. Want is one of the most effective advocates that ever addressed a jury in the Australian Colonies, and as he has been successful in getting a number of alleged big criminals off lately, it is suggested that the N. S. W. Government has retained his services as a matter of policy.

THE Yankee whop Creation, even in hall-stones. At a place called Rolla, which is somewhere near St. Louis, Mo., a hall-storm occurred on June 12th, the hall-stones being on an average four inches in circumference. They were too much for poor old Jesse Cox, who was out in the fields attending to some cabbage plants when the gates of heaven were opened. Jesse was literally pounded to death with the hall-stones, and he now peacefully plays a harp in the mansions of the blest!

THE Bishop of Liverpool is not in entire agreement with some of the directors of societies for the care of young women. At a meeting of the Liverpool Rescue Society, he said: "I do not agree with the White Cross and other societies which look upon all young women as lambs and angels, and all young men as ravening wolves going about seeking whom they can devour. I think human nature is the same in females as in males, and that young women are often as prone, unless there is a good principle in them, to run into sin as young men. We must look at the matter in a common-sense manner."

MANY men are supposed to take liberties with their stomachs, but few people turn their stomachs into biological laboratories. This, however, is what a French *savant*, M. Abielou, has been doing. He has demonstrated the fact suggested by Pasteur that certain microbes exist in the stomach which play an active part in digestion. He took the microbes from his own stomach by washing out the latter after a long fast, having previously taken precautions to ensure that the microbes did not come from the mouth. He then cultivated the microbes on peptonized gelatin, potato, &c., until he eventually raised and developed 16 different species. The chief fact discovered about them was that resistance to an artificial gastric juice is greatly in excess of the mean duration of digestion in the stomach.

MESSRS. Kuhn and Co., whose reputation as dealers in Oriental goods and curios is of over a score of years' standing, have taken a couple of shops between Brewer's and Kelly and Walsh's, and will open on Monday. The store of quaint and marvellous objects with which the premises are stocked would take a *consulleur* three or four days to examine, and certainly its equal has never been seen in this Colony before, at any rate. Magnificent bronzes, only within the reach of the wealthy; screens of ivory, gold, silver, silk, lacquer; delicate *chinoiseries*; ware; armour, costumes, elaborate *hakimono*; all are scattered in attractive profusion in and around the extensive show-cases. The prices range from about twenty-five cents to ten thousand dollars, and anything that Japan produces will be obtained, on order. The *Japaneries* are well worthy a visit.

THE Stanley Operatic Company announce that they will perform the sensational drama "East Lynne" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening. This is a free advertisement, but it is given for a special purpose. The Editor of this journal, who has always been a warm supporter of anything worth the name of art, has been residing in Macao for the past week, and he has come across specially to sum up the merits of Mr. Stanley's company in melodrama. He has also come over for the express purpose of giving the third-rate, military rowdies, who organised a "plant" the other night on a defenceless man, an ex-member of our staff, an opportunity of carrying out their original intention just as far as they think fit. Had he been aware that so much gallantry existed amongst the histrionic members of the Garrison he would have come back sooner, but better late than never, and to-night he will be quite "at home."

ACCORDING to the *Japan Gazette* the average daily number of suicides in Tokyo just now is 10. The modes chiefly in favour are drowning and hanging.

THE Rev. Mr. Wigour—it has been only a short time ago that I read of a drunkard who, in attempting to blow out a lamp, caught fire and was entirely consumed—a genuine case of spontaneous combustion. There is a lesson in that, my besotted friend. The Besotted—There is, for a fact. He had no business lettin' hisself get so dry.

AND this, we get, is time. A writer in the "Habane *Bombardier*" remarks:—"Henry Norman, not Governor Norman, but a man from Singapore who has visited the much vaunted Raub gold mine, says that Bibby, the manager, talks very pessimistically about his job and cannot find the rich outcrops of the lode seen by Brown and Selson—all these things he tells to every visitor, which means that he is either a very honest man or a very wily 'bear.'"

THE *Strait Times* hears that a German firm is at present trying an experiment in exporting coolies from Shanghai to Java, or Sumatra. This, we believe, is the first attempt to obtain coolie labour from Shanghai, most operations in that line having hitherto been carried on at Hongkong, Swatow, and Amoy. One thing, however, remains strongly in favour of men from that part of China, namely, their docility, as compared with their compatriots from the South, which is an important consideration.

WE see it announced that the Stanley Operatic crowd will shortly leave for Shanghai. Heaven help them when they face the tender mercies of the irrepressible "guys" and critics of the Model Settlement. There are no regiments of soldiers and dead-heads in Shanghai; the play-actors there pay their money and expect value for it; if they don't get it, then trouble generally ensues. And Stanley after Majoroni is a come down—a sort of a descent from heaven to—well, let us be lenient and say purgatory.

THERE is a characteristic story about Mr. James Nasmyth, showing the confidence he felt in the effectiveness of his own invention. It was on the occasion of the trial of his steam-hammer. To show the gradation of the hammer's force, he placed his watch under it. Owing, however, to some mistake, the wrong power was put on, the hammer descended with a blow fit to shake a parish, and the watch was smashed into a million atoms. Nothing daunted, in order to prove the sincerity of the error, Mr. Nasmyth placed his hand under, and the hammer came down this time with the required gentleness.

AMONGST the catch-words, or time-procurers, of the British Parliament the most marked is Balfour's "Very well, sir." This he repeats constantly by way of marking his divisions, sub-divisions, and the progress of his oratorical paragraphs. Sir Charles Russell, in expression is "Let that pass." Gladstone, when he wants time, takes a drink of water; Goschen clears his throat, and Harcourt drags out a long "A-ah!" The Sydney *Bulletin* says that in the Australian Senate the three favourite phrases would seem to be—"Howsoever, as I was a-sayin', an' I'll say it agin'," "Yerallah!" and "Come outside an' do it!"

THE last sensation visited upon Paris is a pamphlet by the well known Radical deputy, Camille Dreyfus, entitled "The Necessary War." It says: "The moment has come for France to obtain the revision of the Frankfort Treaty or tear it up. France should appeal to Europe in the name of general peace, menaced by that treaty which consecrated the abandonment of Germany to Alsace-Lorraine. The moment has come for France to make war on Germany. Let us make war; diplomatic reasons permit it; economic reasons impose it on us and military reasons command it. Let us make war; the historic hour has come. Two years ago would have been too soon; in two years it may be too late."

PROFESSOR Collier, the pioneer of the sorghum-producing industry in America, reiterates his firm belief that in the near future sugar from sorghum will be produced on an enormous scale at an absurdly cheap rate—say a half-penny per pound. In an experiment recently made on 133 tons of cane, over 180 lb. of sugar and about 16 gal. of molasses were obtained. The difficulty of cheap crystallisation, however, has yet to be overcome, but as Professor Collier asserts, this was the chief obstacle in the production of best sugar, and it is hoped that as the result of further experiments this may be surmounted as it was in Germany and in France. Good results have been achieved in connection with sorghum, syrup, manufacture both in the United States, and Canada, and several factories are in operation in both countries.

KAISER WILLIAM selected a dinner at Königsberg for delivering his conception of kingship in the following speech: "It was here, in the palace church, that his Majesty, the late Emperor William I. again proclaimed, before the whole world his Kingship by the grace of God. This 'Kingship by the grace of God' expresses the fact that we Hohenzollerns accept our crown only from heaven, and are responsible to heaven for the performance of its duties. To act, to govern, to rule, we are resolved to act animated by this view, and are resolved to act in accordance with this principle. If this be so, let us retain our kingship by 'the grace of God' he will trust to a very fickle and uncertain support. Remember, William, what poor old Noll Cromwell said over three hundred years ago—'put your trust in God, but keep your powder dry.' A wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse, William, and don't you forget it."

WE are constantly having inquiries as to the validity of agreements made in England in which clerks, store-keepers, etc., bind themselves not to carry on opposition business in Hongkong and elsewhere within a certain period of years, and so on. For advice of this nature a lawyer is by far the best man to apply to. Generally speaking, any contract entered into by a man with his eyes open is valid, unless the stipulations are not unreasonably. It may, of course, be a matter of legal opinion, but we don't think that any agreement would hold if preventing a man carrying on his business in China, unless places and time were specifically stated. If a person engages not to enter into business in Hongkong for ten years, that would, in our opinion, be held a valid contract; but if no time were stated and the prohibition was for eternity, the judge would probably decide that the stipulation was unreasonable. We have no time at present to consult legal references, but we remember a case in which a contract prohibiting a man from carrying business within two hundred miles from New York was held not binding, on the ground that it was an unreasonable and unnecessary restriction. A great deal depends upon the judge. In questions of this nature, and we would recommend our correspondents in all cases to consult a firm of competent solicitors.

WILL wonders never cease! Mr. G.—Jo S.—p was actually seen at the bar of the Hongkong Hotel the other day. After this the millennium.

FROM England comes word that the Admiralty has determined to fit out an ocean telegraph ship for use in future naval manoeuvres as well as in actual warfare. For his duty the *Albatross*, hitherto a torpedo depot ship employed half a year in the Mediterranean and the other half at Portsmouth, has been selected. A corps of signal-men are to go through a course of instruction in telegraphy, and the ship is to be prepared for stowing 300 miles of cable, so that with one end of the wire at the basis of operations the Admiral at the scene of hostilities may be in immediate communication with the authorities at home.

CAPTAIN MACKINTOSH, of the Chinese steamship *Smith*, again attended before Mr. Robinson at the Police Court this afternoon, in answer to the charge of carrying 100 passengers more than was declared in his Port Clearance. Mr. Wotton, of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon, appeared on behalf of the defendant, and urged that as the ship "cleared" at the Harbour Office at least 36 hours before she sailed out of the waters of the Colony, and as a large number of passengers must have been taken on board unknown to the commander, after he had completed his clearance he should not be subjected to a heavy fine, more particularly as this was his first offence. His Worship said that any British shipmaster should be certain of his facts before he made any official statement in writing, and he could not hold Capt. Mackintosh responsible for a very considerable breach of the Ordinance. However, as this was his first offence he would not be severe, and would fine him one hundred dollars only.

The Pilgrim Congregational Church in New York City celebrated its twenty-eighth anniversary the other week, and a special feature of the occasion was the singing of the familiar hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking," in Chinese. The words of the Chinese translation were taken down phonetically by a stenographer, printed, and distributed through the congregation. Here is the first verse in English and in Chinese:—

The morning light is breaking,
The darkness disappears;
The sons of earth are waking
To penitential tears;
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
Brings tidings from afar
Of nations in communion,
Prepared for Zion's war.

Ting hung jee wong gum gong zing,
Hock dom tem zim zai yat met,
Shoy shayung lui mun gum gum zing,
Hing fah fah fah fah fah fah fah,
Hoy ngoy lui foy fong fong shing,
Noy dei ngay yun but yut,
Choon boom mun sung jee jin king,
Yie bo ngay jee die yut.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Mr. Fielding Clarke, Acting Chief Justice.)

The July sessions opened this morning, there being only three cases in the calendar. The following jurors were empanelled:—Messrs. A. Danden, J. M. Carvalho, F. M. Cutler, W. J. Saunders, W. Gaskell, C. P. Tunc, and A. S. Joseph.

THE BARRADAS CASE.

The Acting Attorney-General (Mr. E. J. Ackroyd) said that Mr. Francis, who defended Barradas, desired to have a day fixed for hearing the case.

His lordship—Is there any reason for it—do you wish it?

The Acting Attorney-General—Yes, in order to summon a special jury.

His lordship agreed to fix Wednesday, at 10.30.

COUNTERFEITING COIN.

We were indicted with being in possession of fifteen counterfeiting Mexican dollars, and some twenty cent and five cent pieces.

The Acting Attorney-General prosecuted. Sergeant McIver stated that he found a quantity of counterfeit, some tools, coins &c., in the house of the prisoner, 25 Lascar Row.

Prisoner stated that he had been away, but returned to his house on the 6th instant. The informer, Ah Lum, met him at the house and had a smoke of opium with him. On the 6th instant Ah Lum charged him with the misappropriation of his opium dross, but the trouble ended in an amicable smoke together. Ah Lum afterwards went out and brought the police who took all the things now produced. He was not in his own room when arrested, being the tenant of the cock-loft. All this things were really the property of Ah Lum, who had informed to get money. If his lordship would thoroughly investigate the matter he would find that the prisoner was not a bad man at all.

The jury unanimously found the prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment with hard labour.

PETTY LARCENY.

Tong Sul was charged with stealing 1,000 cash, a catty of tea, a catty of oil, and a picul of rice, from his employer on the 20th of August 1889.

The prosecutor, who is the contractor to the Dairy Farm, entrusted the goods to the prisoner to carry to the Farm. He decamped with them, and was not caught until the 7th instant.

His lordship sentenced the prisoner to two months' hard labour.

The Court then adjourned until Wednesday the 23rd instant.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

THE PROPOSED ATHLETIC CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR—As a member of the Golf Club I have much pleasure in endorsing every word you have said in exposing the attempts of a small and influential clique to hinder the progress of the proposed Athletic Club. I might, individually, benefit by the success of their opposition, but I should be sorry to do so, and I, for one, totally disclaim the right of Mr. Gresham Stewart to represent at least one member of the Golf Club—myself. I understand that a circular was sent round to some of the members of the Club, asking us to empower Mr. Stewart to represent us, but I for one never saw the circular—and if I had I should most certainly not signed it. I cannot but characterise the whole affair as a hole-in-the-corner plot to rob the many for the benefit of the few.

Yours, &c.,

Hongkong, July 17th, 1890.

KEXES.

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—207 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$100 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$70 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 340 per share, sellers.
 Canton Insurance Company Limited—\$120 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 84 per share, sellers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$355 per share, buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$86 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$70 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$368 per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$110 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.—\$180 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$501.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—40 per cent. sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$56 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$175 per share, buyers.
 Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$95 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$95 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—\$1 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—\$5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$110 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$21 per share, nominal.
 Punjoni and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$93 per share, sellers.
 The Raub Gold Mining Co., Ltd.—\$21 per share, sellers.
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$14 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$81 per share, nominal.
 Tonouin Coal Mining Co.—\$250 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$115 per share, buyers.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.
 H. G. Brown & Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, sellers.
 The Seng Kok Planting Co., Ltd.—\$10 per share, sellers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nom.
 The Siam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—50 per cent. dis., sellers.
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$15 per share, sale.
 The Darvel Bay Trading Co., Ltd.—\$8 per share, nominal.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$28 per share, sellers.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$30 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$93 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$51 per share, sellers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$35 per share, sellers.
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, sellers.
 The Labuk Planting Co., Ltd.—\$17 per share, nominal.
 The Lamang Planting Co., Ltd.—\$15 per share, sellers.
 The Jelabu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$44 per share, sellers.
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$21 per share, sellers.
 The Shamoon Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, nominal.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.
 The Trust and Loan Co. of China and Japan.—\$14 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Marine, Limited—par, nominal.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Pekin*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 15th instant at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on the 20th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, left Singapore on the 15th instant, and may be expected here on the 21st.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
 The steamer *Avonport*, from Calcutta, left Singapore today (18th instant), and is due here on the 24th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Parthia*, with the Canadian mail, from Vancouver, left Yokohama for Nagasaki, Shanghai, and Hongkong on the 8th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Alberta*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the morning of the 13th instant, and is due here on the 10th.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ancona*, left Nagasaki on the 16th instant at 6 p.m., and is due here on the 20th.

The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Pinguey*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 17th instant, and may be expected here on the 22nd.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s steamer *Melpomene*, left Singapore on the 17th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 22nd.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer *Thibet*, left Bombay on the 8th instant at noon for this port, and is due here on the 25th.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

17th July, 1890.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
Wailuotok.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Nagasaki.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Shanghai.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Amoy.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Swatow.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Hongkong.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Canton.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Macao.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Hainan.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Shanghai.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Amoy.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Swatow.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Hongkong.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Canton.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Macao.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Hainan.	99.81	81	81	SW	C

18th July, 1890.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
Wailuotok.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Nagasaki.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Shanghai.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Amoy.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Swatow.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Hongkong.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Canton.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Macao.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Hainan.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Shanghai.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Amoy.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Swatow.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Hongkong.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Canton.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Macao.	99.81	81	81	SW	C
Hainan.	99.81	81	81	SW	C

The following telegram was issued at 4 p.m.: "Typhoon east of Formosa appears to have moved northwards. The barometer has risen because the centre has entered the mainland near Fochow. Cloudy, with heavy weather with south-west winds prevailing in southern China."
 1-Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, height and hundredths.
 2-Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
 3-Humidity in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
 4-Direction of the wind to two points.
 5-Force of the wind according to Beaufort's scale.
 6-State of the weather, 8 this day, 9 detached clouds, 10 drifting mist, Fog, 11 gloomy, 12 hail, 13 lightning, 14 rain, 15 drizzle, 16 snow, 17 fog, 18 rain, 19 rain, 20 rain, 21 rain, 22 rain, 23 rain, 24 rain, 25 rain, 26 rain, 27 rain, 28 rain, 29 rain, 30 rain, 31 rain, 32 rain, 33 rain, 34 rain, 35 rain, 36 rain, 37 rain, 38 rain, 39 rain, 40 rain, 41 rain, 42 rain, 43 rain, 44 rain, 45 rain, 46 rain, 47 rain, 48 rain, 49 rain, 50 rain, 51 rain, 52 rain, 53 rain, 54 rain, 55 rain, 56 rain, 57 rain, 58 rain, 59 rain, 60 rain, 61 rain, 62 rain, 63 rain, 64 rain, 65 rain, 66 rain, 67 rain, 68 rain, 69 rain, 70 rain, 71 rain, 72 rain, 73 rain, 74 rain, 75 rain, 76 rain, 77 rain, 78 rain, 79 rain, 80 rain, 81 rain, 82 rain, 83 rain, 84 rain, 85 rain, 86 rain, 87 rain, 88 rain, 89 rain, 90 rain, 91 rain, 92 rain, 93 rain, 94 rain, 95 rain, 96 rain, 97 rain, 98 rain, 99 rain, 100 rain, 101 rain, 102 rain, 103 rain, 104 rain, 105 rain, 106 rain, 107 rain, 108 rain, 109 rain, 110 rain, 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